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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS
BRIEFING SEPTEMBER 16, 1974 FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUID-
ANCE:

QUOTE: Q. I AM TOLD THAT AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN WILL BE
RETURNING FOR CONSULTATIONS TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT.
NUMBER ONE, IS THIS REPORT TRUE? AND, SECONDLY, COULD YOU
TELL US AS TO WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT NEED --
THAT WOULD REQUIRE HIS PRESENCE HERE?

A. NUMBER ONE, HE IS RETURNING FOR CONSULTATION. AND HE
HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AT THE
END OF THE MONTH FOR SOME TIME TO ATTEND THE OCTOBER 1
OPENING OF THE HIRSHHORN MUSEUM, OF WHICH HE IS THE CHAIR-
MAN OF THE BOARD. HE WILL ALSO BE HELPING WITH THE PLANS
FOR THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO INDIA. AND BEFORE ARRIVING
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BACK, HE INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN CONFERENCES IN ITALY AND

AUSTRIA. I CANNOT GIVE YOU THE DETAILS ON THOSE. I DON'T HAVE THEM.

HIS TRIP HERE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PRESS REPORTING ON A CABLE SENT TO THIS DEPARTMENT.

Q. IS HE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HIS POST IN INDIA?

A. I WOULD ASSUME SO, YES.

Q. WHAT IS THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPON POTENTIALS BY INDIA, OR ANY OTHER POWER THAT HAS A NUCLEAR POTENTIALITY?

A. ON THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO REFER YOU TO WHAT I SAID LAST WEEK ON THE QUESTION OF INDIA. I HAVE NOT GOT THE WORDING HERE WITH ME ON WHAT I SAID. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO JUST REFER TO THAT. END QUOTE. (FOR SPOKESMAN'S REFERENCE SEE STATE 197329 OF SEPTEMBER 9 - EXCERPTS OF DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING OF SEPTEMBER 9.) KISSINGER

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